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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. William Hewlett ✓
Chairman, Executive Committee
Hewlett-Packard Company
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Dear Bill:

I have just learned from Jim Linen's office that you are leaving the University's Council. I can appreciate the reasons prompting your decision, but I must admit to a feeling of disappointment that is heightened by my remembrance of your visits with us in January of 1972 and April of 1975. On both occasions you showed a quick understanding of the wide range of work to which you were being introduced and the sincerity of your responsiveness meant a great deal to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting you.

Recalling the several hours you spent here prior to joining the Council makes me realize, however, that your kind of interest does not require a formal relationship to keep it alive. You know, I am sure, that you have a standing invitation to visit the University whenever you are in New York and can escape the tyranny of your schedule.

I believe you have already received a copy of the enclosed issue of our internal publication which carries the story of the selection of Josh Lederberg as my successor as of July 1. He joins me in the hope you will visit again and that you will bring along any friends or associates you feel would enjoy an introduction to the work being done here.

While it will be a bit difficult to watch from the sidelines after nearly a decade as president, I look forward to a very active retirement and to doing what I appropriately can to help in advancing the mission of this extraordinary place.

I hope to have the opportunity to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Frederick Seitz

Enc.

cc: Mr. James A. Linen

bc: Mr. Rodney W. Nichols ✓
Mr. Ray F. Carmichael
Mr. Barry W. Dress
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